

“And the  
*Word*  
became flesh and  
*dwelt*  
among us.”

- John 1:14

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CHRISTMAS 2024

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH**

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## School Year Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## Summer Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.-Noon

## MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, December 23, 2024

8:00 a.m. † Norma Hesseling

## Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:30 p.m. † Agnes Mary Schnipke

7:30 p.m. † Bob &amp; Connie Warniment

12:00 a.m. † Virgil &amp; Mary German

## Wednesday, December 25, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Edgar &amp;

Helen Schwieterman

## Thursday, December 26, 2024

8:00 a.m. † Don Harr

## Friday, December 27, 2024

8:00 a.m. † Gordon Moenter

## Saturday, December 28, 2024

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

4:30 p.m. † Kermit Minnig

## Sunday, December 29, 2024

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:15 a.m. † Martha Ardner

11:30 a.m. † Linda Seffernick

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**The Sick:** Sophia Becker, Lisa Davis Bemis, Daniel Bertling, Ken Blankemeyer, Tracey Boberg, James Bodnar, Gordon Brendle, Marcey Brickner, Teresa Burnett, Robert Etgen, Janice Etzkorn, Carolyn Fisher, Rosie Fortener, Mary Ann Franklin, Barry Friemoth, Jim Friemoth, John E. Friemoth, June Gable, David Gonyea, Dan "Beeze" Grothouse, Mary Grothouse, Don Heitz, Joann and Tom Hempfling, Tom Hickey, Sharon Hines, Angela Hoehn, Jackie, Madelyn Jones, Allan Kerns, Denny Kill, Shelly Klausing, Braden Knebel, Laura Krietemeyer, Sharon Lawrence, Dorothy Miller, Linda Miller, Mike Minnig, Millie Minnig, Minnie Moenter, Mary Mullen, Moon Nammour, John Phillips, Barb Recker, Sue Reddy-Bemis, Martha Reddy-Lehman, Alissa Rice, Becky Richardson, Sue Maas Ricker, Tracy Rowland, Amy Schulte, Mike Sherry Family, Winifred Siefker, Tina Vance, Donna Vogt, Mark Wannemacher, Chad Weber, Darrell Wiegung, Mel Williams, Michele Wittler, Jenna Ziegler

**The Recently Deceased:** Alice Arnzen, Joan Metzner

**Those in the Armed Forces:** Christine Bemis, Frances Bemis-Sigler, Jorden Boone, Alex Haunhorst, Mahlon Haunhorst, Brian Huysman, Michael Julicher, Troy Trombly, Samantha Wehri

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Asher Russell, son of Cory Bowman and Elizabeth Ewing

Gracie Rose, daughter of Adam &amp; Kristen Ricker

## LITURGY READINGS

December 29, 2024

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

December 15, 2024

Adult Offering – 273 Envelopes \$ 11,128.00

Anonymous \$ 2,183.00

Student Offering – 79 Envelopes \$ 139.17

Christmas – 6 Envelopes \$ 261.00

Immaculate Conception

(Church – 68 Envelopes) \$ 1,175.32

Immaculate Conception

(School – 18 Envelopes) \$ 203.00

Total \$ 15,089.49

*Thank you for your support!*

## OUR SCHOOL/PARISH

## HOLIDAY BULLETIN PRINTING SCHEDULE

New Year's – Sunday, January 5 bulletin – submit by Tuesday, December 24

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for additional volunteers to assist with distributing Communion at the Meadows of Delphos on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Mary Unterbrink at xxx-xxx-xxxx.

## SCRIP CARDS

If you are getting ready for Christmas, don't forget the SCRIP cards. They are great gifts, stocking stuffers and a special way to say "Thank you" to your mailperson, beautician, bank teller, teacher, neighbor and lots of others. For a limited time only, RaiseRight is offering some Cards in \$5.00 and \$10.00 increments. We have a complete list at the Ministry Center. If you think gift cards are too impersonal, then you can grab a Meijer or Walmart card and purchase something just for them. Either way, you can get money back for school expenses.

## OUR SCHOOL/PARISH

## FAITH, FAMILY, FOOTBALL

Men...mark your calendars! In an effort to promote men's faith formation, former Super Bowl, Pro-Bowl, and University of Michigan quarterback Elvis Grbac will be at St. John the Evangelist Church in Delphos on January 12 at 6:00 p.m. to talk about the role of fathers and men's faith on their families and the community. He will discuss the evolution of his faith through a football career that reached the peak of winning a Super Bowl and the importance of that faith in raising his own family through the highs and lows of serious illness and athletic journeys of their own. Adoration and Confession will be available following Mr. Grbac's remarks. There is no fee for this event. All are welcome.

## WOMEN OF WELCOME

**Save the Date** – The Women of Welcome will be having their Annual Retreat on April 5-6, 2025. This is a spiritual renewal weekend designed to help women grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and others in their faith community. More details to follow. You do not want to miss this opportunity. Mark your calendar for April 5-6, 2025.

THIS WEEK IN PARISH HISTORY *By Jack Bockey*

The Nativity window of our church, located next to the St. Joseph Shrine was installed in 1916 and is made in the Tiffany style. The window is based on the painting "Adoration des Bergers" translated "Adoration of the Shepherds" by Martin von Feuerstein. The painting was originally done in 1891 for St. Maurice Church in Mommenheim Bas-Rhin, France. He was a German painter and art teacher in the late 1800s and early 1900s. In 1898, he painted Stations of the Cross for St. Anna's Church in Munich, Germany. There are many

Stations of the Cross based on these, including the Stations of the Cross of Landeck, St. John's which were installed after the 1948 tornado. Merry Christmas!

**ST. JOHN'S  
PARISH FOUNDATION**  
*Helping Families  
Create Legacies  
Since 1977*

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Live Forever...  
But ALL of us Can  
Give Forever.**

Create your "Eternal Envelope"  
**Ask How.**

## COMMUNITY

## ARE YOU IN NEED OF A FULL-SERVICE VENUE?

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Services: Full Linen, Setup, Catering,  
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Delphos Knights of Columbus #1362  
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## DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

Dynamic Catholic offers free Daily Reflections, Daily Gospel Readings and Daily Mass Readings, as well as Today's Saint and Today's Rosary. They have special Daily Reflections for Advent. You can sign up at [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com).

## MEN OF THE PARISH

The Immaculate Conception Church in Ottoville is hosting a Spring Semester of "**That Man is You**" weekly, beginning Wednesday, January 15th at 6:30-7:30 p.m.; or a Saturday morning option beginning January 18th at 6:30-7:30 a.m. St. John the Baptist Church in Glandorf is hosting a **Men's Welcome Retreat** February 8th and 9th. Any questions, call or text Adam Schnipke at xxx-xxx-xxxx.

## PRESENTATION EXPLORES ECOLOGICAL MATTERS IN LIGHT OF FAITH

Do you see Earth as God's beloved creation? What would it take to expand our sense of community to include all human beings and all creatures as neighbors worthy of our loving care? These matters and more will be explored in a livestream presentation, *God and the Earth: A Conversation with Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ*, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. EST on Thursday, January 30, 2025. The presentation is drawn from Sister Elizabeth's latest book, *Come Have Breakfast*.

A widely translated author, editor, and mentor, Sister Elizabeth is Professor *Emerita* of Theology at Fordham University in New York. She served as President of both the Catholic Theological Society and the ecumenical American Theological Society. She has lectured to church and academic groups at home and abroad.

The cost is \$35.00 and registration is required to receive the livestream link. Visit [www.webercenter.org](http://www.webercenter.org) and click on "programs," call 517-266-4000, or email [webercenter@adriandominicans.org](mailto:webercenter@adriandominicans.org). Limited scholarships are available.

## BASKET FUNDRAISER WINNERS!

The Landeck Cafe team would like to thank the community for supporting the 3rd Annual Raffle Basket Fundraiser on December 8th after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. This was such a beautiful night of love, and camaraderie. \$955.00 was raised to help local families during hard times. Following are names of Basket winners:

Trish Hauhnhorst - 80s basket  
Nancy Kroeger - Men's basket  
Adam Kroeger - Women's basket  
Craig Pohlman - sled  
Sadie Wreede - Kids basket

Thank you all! Please join us on December 22nd for pizza and some delicious sides.

## PARISH CALENDAR: DECEMBER 22-29

**Sunday, December 22, 2024***Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 8:00 a.m. – Reconciliation – Landeck Church  
 8:30 a.m. – Mass – Landeck Church  
 8:45 a.m. – Rosary – Delphos Church  
 9:15 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 10:20 a.m. – PSR – Delphos School  
 10:30 a.m. – Mass – Spencerville Church  
 11:30 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 5:30 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church

**Monday, December 23, 2024***Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent**No school – Christmas Break*

7:00 a.m. – Reconciliation – Delphos Church  
 8:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 8:30 a.m. – Rosary for the Respect for all Life – Delphos Church  
 4:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration – Landeck Church  
 6:50 p.m. – Benediction – Landeck Church  
 7:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration – Delphos Church  
 7:00 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church

**Tuesday, December 24, 2024***The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil Mass**No school – Christmas Break*

4:30 p.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 4:30 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church  
 4:30 p.m. – Mass – Spencerville Church  
 7:30 p.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 12:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

**Wednesday, December 25, 2024***The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**No school – Christmas Break*

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 9:00 a.m. – Mass – Landeck Church  
 10:30 a.m. – Mass – Spencerville Church

**Thursday, December 26, 2024***Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr**No school – Christmas Break*

8:00 a.m. – Mass (no students) – Delphos Church  
 7:00 p.m. – St. Vincent de Paul – Ministry Center

**Friday, December 27, 2024***Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**No school – Christmas Break*

6:30 a.m. – Men's Prayer Group – Ministry Center  
 7:30 a.m. – Reconciliation – Delphos Church  
 8:00 a.m. – Mass (no students) – Delphos Church  
 3:30 p.m. – Mass – Vancrest

**Saturday, December 28, 2024***Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 8:30 a.m. – Rosary for the Respect for All Life – Delphos Church  
 10:00 a.m. – Adult Faith Formation – Ministry Center  
 3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation – Delphos Church  
 4:30 p.m. – Mass – Delphos Church

**Sunday, December 29, 2024***Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 8:00 a.m. – Reconciliation – Landeck Church  
 8:30 a.m. – Mass – Landeck Church  
 8:45 a.m. – Rosary – Delphos Church  
 9:15 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 10:20 a.m. – PSR – Delphos School  
 10:30 a.m. – Mass – Spencerville Church  
 11:30 a.m. – Mass – Delphos Church  
 5:30 p.m. – Mass – Landeck Church

## COMMUNITY

**GRIEF SHARE**

Are you searching for hope and healing after the death of a loved one? The GriefShare program, sponsored by Delphos St. John the Evangelist, Landeck St. John the Baptist and Spencerville St. Patrick, will offer a 12-week session beginning on Thursday evening, January 9, 2025 through March 27, 2025 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Delphos St. John Annex.

No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful, confusing process. A GriefShare group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this support group program, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. No matter how long it's been, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling.

If you have experienced the death of a family member or friend, you are invited to attend. You may attend all of the sessions, or come when you can; however, the more sessions you attend, the better your experience will be.

This program will be facilitated by volunteers from our parish. **To register or get more information on how GriefShare may be of benefit to you or someone close to you, contact the St. John's Ministry Center in Delphos at 419-695-4050, The Landeck Church office at 419-692-0636 or a CORE leader of our GriefShare team.**

Kathy Ulm xxx-xxx-xxxx • Christy Schwinnen xxx-xxx-xxxx • Tamie Reindel xxx-xxx-xxxx

## DIOCESE

**“HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT!”**

“Hope does not disappoint” (Rom 5:5). These are the first words of the official announcement of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025 entitled “Pilgrims of Hope.” Quoting Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans, our Holy Father Pope Francis follows the ancient tradition of announcing a periodic Jubilee Year for the Universal Church, offering this encouragement: “For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the “door” (cf. Jn 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere, and to all as ‘our hope’ (1 Tim 1:1).” The Pope will formally initiate the Jubilee year with the opening of the Holy Year Door at St. Peter’s Basilica on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024, and conclude it on January 6, 2026.

At Christmas, we celebrate Hope! And Hope has come to us in a person! That person is Jesus Christ, the Word made Flesh, true God and true Man, who comes anew as our Hope! And hope is much different than a wish, isn’t it? Some may remember as children paging through the Sears Catalogue and making their Christmas wish list! Today, parents may receive texts with photos as hints of what their children are wishing to receive at Christmas. We are familiar with offering good wishes for someone’s graduation or birthday, wishing someone well when they are ill or wishing a couple many years of happiness as they marry.

But hope is different. Our Catholic faith teaches us that hope is the theological virtue by which we desire and expect from God both eternal life and the grace we need to attain it! (CCC). “The virtue of Hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every person; it takes up the hope that inspires our activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps us from discouragement; it sustains us during times of abandonment; it opens up our hearts in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, we are preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity” (CCC 1818).

With its origins in Biblical texts and dating back to 1300, in the Roman Catholic tradition, a Holy Year, or Jubilee is a great religious event. It is a year of forgiveness of sins and also the punishment due to sin, it is a year of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters. A Jubilee year is above all the year of Christ, who brings life and grace to humanity.

“The Jubilee is called Holy Year, not only because its beginning and end is marked with solemn holy acts, but also because its purpose is to encourage holiness of life. It is convoked to strengthen faith, encourage works of charity and brotherly communion within the Church and in society and to call Christians to be more sincere and coherent in their faith in Christ, the only Saviour” (vat.va).

Hope! Who of us in these days and at this time, with the reality of the situation in the world and in our nation, doesn’t need to be reminded that Christ is our Hope! Who of us cannot admit that we are often weary, burdened, anxious, troubled, experiencing feelings of hopelessness? There’s a great phrase in Italian: “C’è sempre Speranza,” There is always hope! No matter what, there is always hope! For us, that hope is a person, whose coming we celebrate at Christmas. As we enter the Jubilee Year, I invite you to pray with me the Jubilee Prayer, so that as fellow pilgrims, we might not only experience and rejoice in that hope ourselves, but we might live and radiate that hope for all!

*Father in heaven, may the **faith** you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of **charity** enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed **hope** for the coming of Your Kingdom. May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, **Pilgrims of Hope**, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To You our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.*

It is the wish of Pope Francis that “the Holy Year be planned and celebrated with deep faith, lively hope and active charity.” Please do keep abreast of how we will be observing this Jubilee Year, “Pilgrims of Hope,” here in the Diocese of Toledo. It is my sincere hope that individuals, families, parishes, our Catholic schools and organizations, will find worthy ways to promote and participate in this Jubilee. Almost every week throughout 2025, we will share through our Diocese of Toledo Facebook and website, events and prayer intentions for various groups, including families, young people, priests, deacons, seminarians, consecrated religious, students, the sick and so many others. I ask that you take time to pray for these intentions and feel emboldened to speak with your family, friends, coworkers and schoolmates about your Catholic faith and about the hope you have found in Christ Jesus, who is our Hope!

As the Holy Father encourages us: “Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: ‘Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart, hope in the Lord!’” (Psalm 27:14).

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo  
December 14, 2024

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER LIST

POINSETTIAS WERE DONATED FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS  
IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING:

Chuck and Helen Ardner	Albert and Lillian Hageman	Janice Kundert	Mike and Bert Sanders
Alice Arnzen	Robert and Katherine Hammons	Kevin Kundert	Richard and Hilda Kleman and
Bob Arnzen	Irvin and Tenée Hanf	Louie and Betty Kundert	Patricia Sarka
Harold and Clara Ashby	Richard and Teena Ann Hanf	Jason Lashlee, Jr.	Vernon and Pauline Scarr
Cletus and Evelyn Baumgarte,	Theodore and LaVera Hanf	Elmer and Jesslyn Looser	Tom and Alice Scherger
Roger Baumgarte, Lisa Baumgarte,	Marcia, Kenny and	Kai Sam Looser	Madelyn Schimmoeller
Dick and Helen Baumgarte	Steve Miehl and Don Harr	William Looser	Medelyn Schimmoeller
Linus and Leona Berelsman	Joe and Viola Elwer and Gilbert and	Arnold and Mildred Luersman	Gerald and Elizabeth Schmelzer
The Ed Blankemeyer Family	Edna Hedrick	Lawrence and Veronica Luersman	Alfred Schmit
Albert and Cleo Bonifas	Margie Heiss	Lawrence and Veronica Luersman	Alfred Schmit
Albert and Mary C. Bonifas	Ken Hellman	Lisa Luersman	Robert and Patricia Schmit
Carol Bonifas	Joe, Martha, Ken Hellman and	Terry Martin	Robert and Patricia Schmit
Michael Bonifas	Alice Hoehn	Philip Martin Family	Thomas Schroeder
Robert and Alice Bonifas	Don and Betty Helmkamp	Clarence and Sheila Massa	Bob and Thelma Schuerman
Harold and Katherine Brickner	Bill and Norie Hemker	Dick McDonagh	Henry and Gerry Schulte
Jerry Brickner	Bill and Norie Hemker	Robert McNamee	Gertrude Schwertner
Matt Buettner	Mel and Margaret Hempfling	David Merschman	Bernie Schwinnen
Everett and Eleanor Buettner Family	Nicholas Hempfling	Betty Metcalfe	Curtis Schwinnen
Rick J. Burgei	Gilbert and Margaret Hesseling	Dorothy Metzger	Oliver and Rita Sever
Walter and Eileen Byrne	Al and Irma Hilvers	Dr. Clint and Rose Miller	Oliver and Rita Sever
Adam Clark	Charles and Agnes Hoelderle	Max and Angeline Miller	Bill Shumaker
John and Margie Clark	Vince and Marie Hoersten	Kermit Minnig	Gene Shumaker
Sara Closson	Rudy, Florence, Eileen and	Gordon Moenter	Leonard and Angelene Smith
Trent Closson	Carl Hoersten	Helen and Elmer Moenter	Charles J. and Nancy J. Stant
Harry and Christine Crede	Elmer Hoffman	Bill, Grace and Kathy Morris	Kent Staup
John Dickman	Henry and Veronica Hoffman	Robert and Rosa Mox	Wilfred and Mary Steyer
Steve and Helen Dickman	Carol Hohman	Keith Myers, Sharon Fetter and	William Thiebaut
Glenn and Augusta Ditto	Bob and Donna Holdgreve	Matthew Myers and Bud Shepline	Richard and Mary Thitoff
Howard and Margaret Ditto	Samantha Nichole Horstman	Francis and Agnes Nomina	Tom Thitoff
Raymond and Irene Ditto	Bill and Pauline Hudanski	John Nussbaum	John and Norma Trentman
Leo and Bernice Drerup	Al and Irene Huysman	Sharyl Odenweller	Bill and Agnes Ulm
Gilbert and Louise Ellerbrock	Howard and Camilla Huysman	Sharyl Odenweller	Eric Ulm
Dick Feathers	Annabelle Kapcar	Vincent and Dorothy Odenweller	Eric R. Ulm
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Jim Fischer	John, Rita and Ron Kaverman	Dick and Juanita Patton	Philip Verhoff, Jr.
Secundo and Marguerite Franchino	Ralph Kaverman	Harold and Dolly and	Ron Wagner
Abigail Gable	Chris Kemper	Daniel Pohlman	Jim Weger
Abigail J. Gable	John and Woody Kill	Jerome and Ruth Pohlman	Sharon Wells
John P. Gengler	Paul and Pauline Kill	George and Dorothy Raabe Family	Jim and Helen Wiechart
The Alfred Gerdeman Family	Arnold and Terry Kimmet	Ervin and Julie Recker	Kenny Wieging and Bob and
Virgil and Mary German	Gary Klaus, Kari (Klaus) Lauck and	Baby Reindel	Martha Pohlman
My Three Girls	Cheyenne Klaus	Melonie Reindel	Oscar and Cecilia Wilhelm
John and Norma Goedde	Emily E. Klausing	Melonie Wurst Reindel	Roger and Janet Wilhelm
Edward and Vaunda Gower	Richard and Charlie Klausing	Richard and Imelda Renner	Gerald, Mary Lou and
and Sally	Jerome Klima and Lorene Klima	Gilbert and Rita Ricker	Barbara Williams
Art and Eva Grone	Tom, Agnes and Pete Knebel	Ken Rode	Rosemary Wittler
Carl Grone, Ruth and Lewis Hoenie	Norman and Alice Knippen	Ruben Rodriguez, Jr.	Ernest Wolke
and Leo Grone Family	Don and David Korte	Len and Betty Rose	Richard and Mary Young
Dottie and Ollie Grothaus	Lisa M. (Kroeger) Kleman and	Carl and Ruth Rupert	
George and Bertha Grothaus	Mark W. Kroeger	James Sadler and Family Members	



# Christmas is Almost Here!



Now it's only a few days until Jesus' birthday! Are you all ready for it? If you have an Advent wreath then this is the week that all the candles will be lit. Jesus is coming soon, so the light should be getting very bright!

Do you have a Christmas tree? Do you know what it represents? A long time ago people used to have plays at Christmas time about how Adam and Eve sinned when they ate the fruit from the tree, and how Jesus was born to save us from that sin. So a Christmas tree is there to remind us of why Jesus came.



Does your family have a nativity scene? It should be all ready for Christmas, but the Baby Jesus doesn't get put in the manger until Christmas Eve!



[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

Answer to front page puzzle: Blessed are you among women! Answer to True or False: 1.true, 2.false, 3.false, 4.true, 5.true, 6.false, 7.true.

# The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 22nd, 2024



Luke 1.39-45

Elizabeth knew that Mary was the mother of the Messiah. What did she say to Mary when she came to visit her?

Use the code to find out!

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# Saints Adela and Irmína

## December 24



ST. DAGOBERT WAS THE KING OF AUSTRASIA IN THE EARLY 700'S. HE AND HIS WIFE HAD FIVE CHILDREN, TWO OF WHOM BECAME SAINTS AS WELL.



IRMINA WAS ENGAGED BUT HER FIANCE DIED, SO SHE STARTED A CONVENT.

*Requiescat in pace m.*



ONCE THE NUNS WERE THREATENED BY A PLAGUE, BUT SAINT WILLIBROD HELPED THEM.



WHEN THE PLAGUE HAD PASSED SHE GAVE ST. WILLIBROD LAND FOR HIS ABBEY.



ADELA MARRIED A NOBLEMAN AND HAD A SON, BUT SOON HER HUSBAND DIED.



AFTER HER HUSBAND'S DEATH MANY SUITORS CAME AND ASKED HER TO MARRY THEM.



HOWEVER, ADELA CHOSE TO CONSECRATE THE REST OF HER LIFE TO GOD. SHE ALSO FOUNDED A CONVENT AND BECAME ITS FIRST ABBESS.

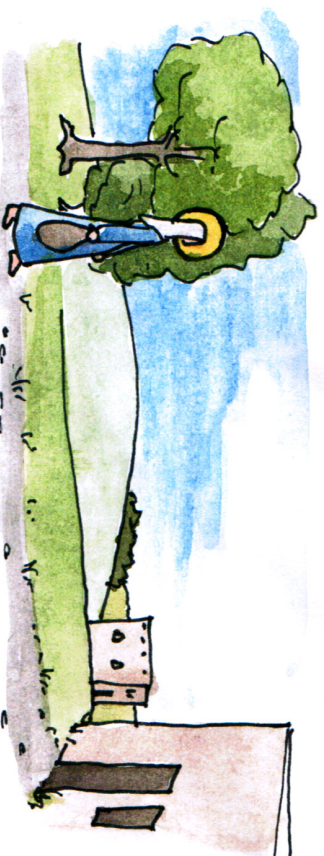
IRMINA AND ADELA WERE BOTH PRINCESSES, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY WERE SPOILED AND SELFISH. THEIR GOOD PARENTS RAISED THEM TO LOVE GOD. WE CAN LEARN FROM THEIR EXAMPLE THAT FAMILIES CAN HELP EACH OTHER TO BECOME HOLY PEOPLE. HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR FAMILY?

## Mary Visits Elizabeth

### True or False?

*How well do you know the story of the Visitation?  
See if you can figure out which are true and which are false!*

1. Mary was expecting baby Jesus when she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth.  
True or False?
2. Elizabeth was married to Jeremiah.  
True or False?
3. Elizabeth was a bit sad when she saw Mary.  
True or False?
4. When Elizabeth heard Mary, her baby inside her jumped.  
True or False?
5. Elizabeth's baby was Saint John the Baptist.  
True or False?
6. Mary had to tell Elizabeth that she was going to have a baby because Elizabeth didn't know.  
True or False?
7. Elizabeth knew that Mary's baby was the Messiah.  
True or False?



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 28-JANUARY 1

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